

S. RES. 215

Whereas today's youth are vital to the preservation of our country and will be the future bearers of the bright torch of democracy;

Whereas youth need a safe haven from various negative influences such as child abuse, substance abuse and crime, and they need to have resources readily available to assist them when faced with circumstances that compromise their safety;

Whereas the United States needs increased numbers of community volunteers acting as positive influences on the Nation's youth;

Whereas the Safe Place program is committed to protecting our Nation's most valuable asset, our youth, by offering short term "safe places" at neighborhood locations where trained volunteers are available to counsel and advise youth seeking assistance and guidance;

Whereas Safe Place combines the efforts of the private sector and non-profit organizations uniting to reach youth in the early stages of crisis;

Whereas Safe Place provides a direct means to assist programs in meeting performance standards relative to outreach/community relations, as set forth in the Federal Runaway and Homeless Youth Act guidelines;

Whereas the Safe Place placard displayed at businesses within communities stands as a beacon of safety and refuge to at-risk youth;

Whereas over 641 communities in 39 states and more than 11,000 locations have established Safe Place programs;

Whereas over 53,000 young people have gone to Safe Place locations to get help when faced with crisis situations;

Whereas through the efforts of Safe Place coordinators across the country each year more than one-half million students learn that Safe Place is a resource if abusive or neglectful situations exist;

Whereas increased awareness of the program's existence will encourage communities to establish Safe Places for the Nation's youth throughout the country: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) proclaims the week of March 17 through March 23, 2002 as "National Safe Place Week" and

(2) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States and interested groups to promote awareness of and volunteer involvement in the Safe Place programs, and to observe the week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, events of the day may turn our attention overseas, but it is essential to remember those who are fighting an ongoing battle right here at home. This battle has been raging for generations and consists of fighting to protect this Nation's most valuable resource: our children. Youth are the future of the Nation; they need to be both valued and protected. Sadly, however, as my colleagues know, this precious resource is threatened daily.

I come to the Senate floor today to talk about a tremendous initiative between the public and private sector that has been reaching out to youth for nearly twenty years. Project Safe Place is a program that was developed to assist our Nation's youth and families in crisis. This partnership creates a network of private businesses trained

to refer youth in need to the local service providers who can help them. Those businesses display a Safe Place sign so that young people can easily recognize a "safe place" for them to go to receive help.

In his State of the Union Address President Bush called for every American to commit at least two years or 4,000 hours to the service of neighbors and our Nation. The goal of National Safe Place Week is to recognize the thousands of individuals who work to make Project Safe Place a reality. From trained volunteers to seasoned professionals, these dedicated individuals are working together with the resources in their local communities and through their ties across the Nation, to serve young people. Because of Project Safe Place, this all happens under a well-known symbol of safety for in-crisis youth.

Project Safe Place is a simple program to implement in any local community, and it works. Young people are more likely to seek help in locations that are familiar and non-threatening to them. By creating a network of Safe Places across the nation, all youth would have access to needed help, counseling, or a safe place to stay. However, while the program has already been established in 39 States, there are still too many communities that don't know about this valuable youth resource.

If your State does not already have a Safe Place organization, please consider facilitating this worthwhile resource so that young people who are abused, neglected, or whose futures are jeopardized by physical or emotional trauma will have access to immediate help and safety in your community. To create more Project Safe Place sites in Idaho, the staff in three of my State offices have gone through the training to make them Safe Place sites, and now have the skills and ability to assist troubled youth. In the next five years, Project Safe Place hopes that every child in America will have the opportunity to connect with someone who can provide immediate help by easily recognizing the Safe Place sign.

I look forward to the U.S. Senate passing this resolution and designating the week of March 17-23, 2002 as National Safe Place Week. This action will recognize the importance of Project Safe Place and send a message that we will keep working to protect our children. As we saw following the tragic events of September 11, volunteers truly do make a difference every day, and in passing this resolution, the Senate will be applauding the tireless efforts of the thousands of dedicated volunteers across the Nation for their many contributions to the youth of our Nation through Project Safe Place.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2966. Mr. NICKLES submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him

to the bill S. 565, to establish the Commission on Voting Rights and Procedures to study and make recommendations regarding election technology, voting, and election administration, to establish a grant program under which the Office of Justice Programs and the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice shall provide assistance to States and localities in improving election technology and the administration of Federal elections, to require States to meet uniform and nondiscriminatory election technology and administration requirements for the 2004 Federal elections, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2967. Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. LEAHY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2936 submitted by Mr. HATCH and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 565) supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2968. Mr. DODD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 565, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

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and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In the matter proposed to be inserted, insert “, but excluding any charge for public service announcements” after “the 365-day period preceding the date of the use”.

SA 2967. Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. LEAHY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2936 submitted by Mr. HATCH and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 565) to establish the Commission on Voting Rights and Procedures to study and make recommendations regarding election technology, voting, and election administration, to establish a grant program under which the Office of Justice Programs and the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice shall provide assistance to States and localities in improving election technology and the administration of Federal elections, to require States to meet uniform and nondiscriminatory election technology and administration requirements for the 2004 Federal elections, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted, insert the following:

SEC. ____ SENSE OF THE SENATE ON MAKING THE PROVISIONS OF THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965 PERMANENT.

It is the sense of the Senate that the Voting Rights Act of 1965 was one of the most significant laws enacted by Congress in the 20th century, and it has full support of the Senate today. In order to ensure the continuing constitutionality of that Act, any proposed amendments or changes, including making sections 4 and 203 permanent, warrant full review and consideration by the Judiciary Committee before being considered by the full Senate. Since the Act does not expire until 2007, the Senate, and the Judiciary Committee, should take every necessary step between now and then to develop a substantial record that will ensure that any changes or amendments to the Act will withstand constitutional scrutiny.

SA 2968. Mr. DODD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 565, to establish the Commission on Voting Rights and Procedures to study and make recommendations regarding election technology, voting, and election administration, to establish a grant program under which the Office of Justice Programs and the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice shall provide assistance to States and localities in improving election technology and the administration of Federal elections, to require States to meet uniform and nondiscriminatory election technology and administration requirements for the 2004 Federal elections, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of the matter proposed to be inserted, add the following:

SEC. ____ MODIFICATION TO REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTERS WHO REGISTER BY MAIL.

Section 103(b)(1)(B) is amended to read as follows:

“(B)(i) the individual has not previously voted in an election for Federal office in the State; or

“(ii) the individual has not previously voted in such an election in the jurisdiction and the jurisdiction is located in a State that does not have a computerized list that complies with the requirements of section 103(a).”.

SEC. ____ INAPPLICABILITY OF REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTERS WHO REGISTER BY MAIL TO CERTAIN STATES.

In addition to the exceptions under paragraph (3) of section 103(b), paragraph (1) of such section shall not apply in the case of a person who votes by mail-in-ballot and who is registered to vote in a State in which in excess of 45 percent of the voting population voted by mail-in-ballot in the November 2000 elections for Federal office.

SEC. ____ REVISED EFFECTIVE DATE FOR REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTERS WHO REGISTER BY MAIL.

Notwithstanding section 103(d)(2)—

(1) each State and locality shall be required to comply with the requirements of section 103(b) on and after January 1, 2004, and shall be prepared to receive registration materials submitted by individuals described in paragraph (2) on and after the date described in such subparagraph; and

(2) the provisions of section 103(b) shall apply to any individual who registers to vote on or after January 1, 2003.

SEC. ____ SAFE HARBOR PROVISIONS.

Notwithstanding sections 104(b), 203(c), 212(d), and 222(d), the safe harbor provisions contained in such sections shall only provide immunity from actions brought under this Act.

SEC. ____ CLARIFICATION OF PROVISIONS RELATING TO COMPLIANCE WITH EXISTING FEDERAL LAW.

(a) **STATE PLANS.**—The assurances provided by a State under section 202(a)(3) that the State will comply with existing Federal laws, including the laws described in such section, need only be provided insofar as such laws relate to the provisions of this Act.

(b) **REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATION.**—The specific and detailed demonstration provided by a State or locality under section 212(c)(1)(A) that the State or locality will comply with the laws described in such section need only be provided insofar as such laws relate to the provisions of this Act.

SEC. ____ STUDY AND REPORT ON FIRST TIME VOTERS WHO REGISTER BY MAIL.

(a) **STUDY.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Election Administration Commission established under section 301 (in this section referred to as the “Commission”) shall conduct a study of the impact of section 103(b) on voters who register by mail.

(2) **SPECIFIC ISSUES STUDIED.**—The study conducted under paragraph (1) shall include—

(A) an examination of the impact of section 103(b) on first time mail registrant voters who vote in person, including the impact of such section on voter registration;

(B) an examination of the impact of such section on the accuracy of voter rolls, including preventing ineligible names from being placed on voter rolls and ensuring that all eligible names are placed on voter rolls; and

(C) an analysis of the impact of such section on existing State practices, such as the use of signature verification or attestation procedures to verify the identity of voters in elections for Federal office, and an analysis of other changes that may be made to improve the voter registration process, such as verification or additional information on the registration card.

(b) **REPORT.**—Not later than 18 months after the date described in section

103(b)(2)(A), the Commission shall submit a report to the President and Congress on the study conducted under subsection (a)(1) together with such recommendations for administrative and legislative action as the Commission determines is appropriate.

SEC. ____ REVISION OF RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER LAWS.

Notwithstanding section 402(a), nothing in this Act may be construed to authorize or require conduct prohibited under the following laws, or supersede, restrict, or limit any of the laws described in such section.

SA 2969. Mr. DODD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 565, to establish the Commission on Voting Rights and Procedures to study and make recommendations regarding election technology, voting, and election administration, to establish a grant program under which the Office of Justice Programs and the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice shall provide assistance to States and localities in improving election technology and the administration of Federal elections, to require States to meet uniform and nondiscriminatory election technology and administration requirements for the 2004 Federal elections, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

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SEC. ____ CLARIFICATION WITH RESPECT TO MAIL VOTER REGISTRATION.

Materials submitted by individuals under clauses (i) and (ii) of section 103(b)(3)(A) shall not be considered to be a mail voter registration application form described in paragraph (1) of section 6(a) of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C. 1973gg-4(a)) or a mail voter registration form described in paragraph (2) of such section.

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Notwithstanding section 402, the rights and remedies established by such section are in addition to all other rights and remedies provided by law, and neither the rights and remedies established by such section nor any other provision of this Act shall supersede, restrict, or limit the application, nor authorize or require conduct that is prohibited by, any of the laws described in such section.

SA 2970. Mr. DODD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 565, to establish the Commission on Voting Rights and Procedures to study and make recommendations regarding election technology, voting, and election administration, to establish a grant program under which the Office of Justice Programs and the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice shall provide assistance to States and localities

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(b) **REPORT.**—Not later than 18 months after the date described in section 103(b)(2)(A), the Commission shall submit a report to the President and Congress on the study conducted under subsection (a)(1) together with such recommendations for administrative and legislative action as the Commission determines is appropriate.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Calendar Nos. 702 and 703; that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid on the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, any statements in relation thereto be printed in the RECORD, and the Senate return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations were considered and confirmed, as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

William Smith Taylor, of Alabama, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Alabama for the term of four years.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Raymond L. Orbach, of California, to be Director of the Office of Science, Department of Energy.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MILLER). Under the previous order, the Senate will return to legislative session.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2002

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 10 a.m., Tuesday, March 5; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate resume consideration of S. 517, the energy bill; further, that the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for the weekly party conferences.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order following the statement of the Senator from Oklahoma.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from Oklahoma.

PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I was interested the other day when I heard that the de facto ruler, Saudi Arabian Crown Prince Abdullah, made a statement which was received by many in this country as if it were a statement of fact, as if it were something new, a